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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The Secretary-General has received the following three nominations for election to the Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy and on Energy for Development.

2. The following expert was nominated by the Government of Paraguay:

Daniel F. Perez Fernández-Ravetti (Paraguay).

EDUCATION

High School diploma in sciences and literature, International School, Asunción (Paraguay); Electromechanical engineering, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (Brazil); Economic engineering, Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro (Brazil).

PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

Project engineer and consultant: Consorcio IECO-ELC, Rio de Janeiro (Brazil); ELC-Electroconsultado Brasil, São Paulo (Brazil); Consorcio GCAP-ENGERIO-LOGOS, Rio de Janeiro (Brazil); Consorcio GCAP-ENGEVIX, Rio de Janeiro (Brazil).

Financial director: Duma Engenharia, Rio de Janeiro (Brazil).

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OTHER WORK

Study on how to deal with the difference in electrical frequency between Paraguay and Brazil; pre-feasibility study on the main electromechanical equipment of Itaipú; calculation of the short circuit in the Paraguayan and Brazilian systems at the Itaipú energy distributor; study on the stability of the electrical system in the south central region of Brazil; technical and economic analysis of a number of bids on electromechanical equipment and construction; electromechanical plans and calculations for a number of construction projects - Technical specifications for electromechanical equipment; approval of plans for the manufacture and inspection of electromechanical equipment; supervisor and coordinator of the electrical plan for Itaipú industrial facilities; technical assistance to the technical office of Itaipú for the planning, construction and assembly of the factory.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

President of the Paraguayan Student Centre in Rio de Janeiro (Brazil); Press Secretary for the Coalition for Democracy in Paraguay (Madrid, Spain).

CONSULTANCY

National Executive Committee of the Partido Revolucionario Febrerista on the question of annex A of the Treaty of Itaipú; Commission on Constitutional Affairs of the National Senate (Asunción) on the bases for adopting annex A (1986) of the Treaty of Itaipú; Commission on Foreign Affairs and Commission on Petitions of the National Senate (Asunción) on the topic "Renegotiation of the Treaty of Itaipú"; caucus of senators in the Partido Liberal Radical Auténtico (Asunción) on the bases for adopting annex A of 1986; leaders of the Inter-party Committee for Dialogue (Asunción) - consultancy on the question of Itaipú.

3. The following expert was nominated by the Government of Venezuela:

Eduardo Praseli (Venezuela). Currently Director of Petroquimica de Venezuela (PEQUIVEN). Has held several managerial, advisory and technical positions in the fields of corporate planning, business development, project analysis and strategic studies. Member of the Venezuelan Chemical Manufacturers Association since 1994. Has served as Chairman and participated in numerous international meetings on new and renewable sources of energy. Official representative in many Latin American regional meetings.

4. The following expert was nominated by the Government of France:

Bernard Devin (France). Currently in charge of international affairs for the Agency for Environment and Energy Use, including liaison functions with the United Nations and the World Bank. Has undertaken expert missions to Jordan and Kenya for the preparation of joint programmes in the field of renewable sources of energy. Has authored several publications in the field of solar energy and served on the United Nations group of experts on uses of solar energy, which

published a report entitled "Solar energy: a strategy in support of environment and development".

5. The following expert was nominated by the Government of India:

E. V. R. Sastry (India). Currently Head of the Solar Energy Group. From 1993 to 1995, Head of India's Solar Energy Centre. Chairman of the Sectional Committee on Non-Conventional Energy Sources and the Committee on Photovoltaic Systems of the Bureau of Indian Standards. Obtained an M.S. from the Osmania University, Hyderabad and a Ph.D. in Physics from the Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur. Has attended several international conferences and meetings of experts pertaining to solar energy, renewable energy sources, rural energy and energy research. Currently member of the United Nations Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy and on Energy for Development; was elected Chairman of the Committee at its session held in February 1996.